Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In South Dakota, there is a need for 44,500 units of blood and 3,000 units of platelets per year for the protection of patients; and,

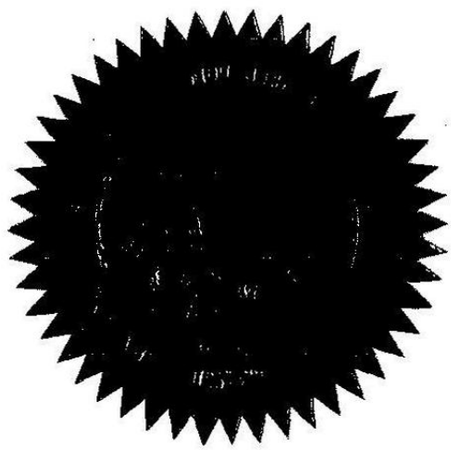
Whereas, Accident victims, people undergoing surgery and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer and other diseases all utilize blood; and,

Whereas, There is a need for additional healthy, regular volunteer donors to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 2005 as

VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONOR MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to pay tribute to those among us who donate regularly, and encourage all civic and service organizations and businesses, if they have not already done so, to form blood donor groups to provide blood for others.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State